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SUBJECT: EMBASSY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

DUE TO RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN STOCKHOLM I HAVE ASKED MY STAFF, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, TO REVIEW OUR SECURITY POSTURE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST THIS EMBASSY. BASED ON THIS REVIEW, INCLUDING LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY SIEGE, I AM LISTING BELOW THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS:

1. PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE EMBASSY

ACCESS SHOULD BE BETTER CONTROLLED TO THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE EMBASSY WHICH HAVE ALL OF THE SENSITIVE OPERATIONS, AND ARE THE MORE LIKELY TARGETS OF TERRORISTS. EACH FLOOR HAS ONLY ONE ACCESS DOOR WHICH CURRENTLY IS PLATE GLASS WITH AN ALUMINUM FRAME. AT PRESENT, IF INTRUDERS SHOULD OVERPOWER THE LOBBY GUARD OR OTHERWISE PENETRATE THE FIRST FLOOR, THEY COULD REACH ANY OFFICE ON THE THREE UPPER FLOORS IN NOT MORE THAN 40 SECONDS, IF NOT STOPPED. THIS MAY NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REACTION TIME TO CLOSE THE

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PROTECTIVE SHUTTERS. ADDITIONALLY, A BETTER ALARM

SYSTEM IS NEEDED TO ALERT ALL EMPLOYEES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST/ EMERGENCY SITUATION. THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS NOT LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE EMBASSY. RECOMMENDATION: THE EXISTING FLOOR ENTRANCE DOORS SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH HEAVY DUTY DOORS WITH BULLET PROOF GLASS, AND EQUIPPED WITH A CYPHER LOCK AND DEAD BOLT TO CONTROL ACCESS. ALSO, A NEW EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM SHOULD BE INSTALLED. TOTAL COST: \$7,500.

2. PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR CONSULAR AREA

THE CONSULAR AREA IS THE MOST PUBLIC AREA OF THE EMBASSY, AND IS MOST EASILY PENETRATED DUE TO THE NATURE OF ITS OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE CONSULAR SECTION IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE FIRST FLOOR WORKING AREA OF THE EMBASSY. AT PRESENT, THE LOCAL CONTRACT GUARD WHO INSPECTS PACKAGES AND SCREENS VISITORS HAS NO MEANS OF DENYING PERSONS ACCESS TO THE CONSULAR AREA.

RECOMMENDATION: A BULLET PROOF GLASS DOOR/BARRIER BE INSTALLED IN CONSULAR LOBBY AREA WHICH WOULD CONTAIN AN ELECTRONIC LOCK WHICH WOULD BE ACTIVATED MY METAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT. COST: \$7,000.

NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO EMBASSY WOULD BE NECESSITATED BY THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

I HAVE MADE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I CONSIDER THEM ESSENTIAL FOR SECURITY OF THIS EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL. I URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THESE EXPENSES IN FY 1975 OR AT ITS EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
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